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## NEWS RELEASE

### DNA LINKS UNSOLVED 1999 SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATION TO CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER

**ARRESTED:** MICHAEL A. BIRCH (DOB: 11-07-75)  
OSBORN CORRECTIONAL FACILITY  
SOMERS, CT

On or about June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1999 into the early morning hours of June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1999, a female (Age 13) was walking southbound on Riverside Drive in the Town of Thompson, Connecticut heading toward the Town of Putnam. While walking, the young female was lured into a white car occupied by a white male. Subsequently, the white male transported the young female to an unknown location where he displayed a weapon and forcefully sexually assaulted her. The young female was later transported to Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam, Connecticut where she was treated and released. Physical evidence seized from the young female was forwarded to the Connecticut State Police Forensic Laboratory for analysis. DNA was extracted from the physical evidence and entered into the DNA database.

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2000, Michael A. Birch (DOB: 11-07-1975) was arrested for kidnapping and sexually assaulting a 10 year old female at knife-point. Mr. Birch was convicted and sentenced to 25 years in prison. While incarcerated, Mr. Birch submitted to a DNA analysis which was later analyzed and entered into the DNA Database.

A DNA Hit was generated, which matched that of the DNA extracted from the physical evidence submitted in reference to the unsolved sexual assault of a 13 year old female in June of 1999 and convicted felon Michael Birch. Detectives from the Eastern District Major Crime Troop D Criminal Investigation Unit proceeded with the investigation and an arrest warrant was issued for Mr. Birch.

On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, Mr. Birch was transported from the Department of Corrections to Danielson Superior Court where he was arrested for 3 counts of Sexual Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree and Kidnapping in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. Mr. Birch was presented and returned back to the Department of Corrections.

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